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# Precision cosmology with galaxy clusters: preparing for Euclid

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### Standard cosmological model

**Flat ACDM** cosmological model still suffers from some **problems**:

- nature of "dark components"
- behavior of gravity on cosmological scales
- gaussianity of initial conditions
- neutrino masses
- parameter tensions



#### **Euclid:**

space-based survey mission dedicated to investigate the origin of the accelerating expansion of the Universe and the nature of dark energy, dark matter and gravity

➡ improved statistics to try to address unresolved questions

### Euclid mission

- Visible/near-infrared space telescope by the European Space Agency (ESA)
- Two major surveys:
  - **Euclid Wide Survey:** 15 000 deg<sup>2</sup> of the extra-galactic sky
  - **Euclid Deep Survey:** ~53 deg<sup>2</sup> split over three fields
- 1.2-meter-diameter telescope with two instruments:
  - Visible instrument (VIS)
  - Near Infrared Spectrometer and Photometer (NISP)
- Primary probes: weak lensing and galaxy clustering Secondary probes: galaxy clusters, strong lensing, ...







### Euclid cluster survey

#### **Cluster survey**:

- area = 15000 deg<sup>2</sup>
- redshift range z = 0.2 2
- mass range M > 0.9 1.0 x  $10^{14}$  M<sub> $\odot$ </sub>
- Nobj ~ 2 x 10<sup>5</sup> if N<sub>500</sub>/σ > 5
   ~ 2 x 10<sup>6</sup> if N<sub>500</sub>/σ > 3
- Cluster detection:
  - photometric data
  - spectroscopic data
  - weak gravitational lensing



#### Systematics

$$\begin{split} \langle N(\Delta\lambda_{i}^{\mathrm{ob}},\Delta z_{j}^{\mathrm{ob}})\rangle &= \int_{0}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}z^{\mathrm{tr}} \Omega_{\mathrm{mask}} \frac{\mathrm{d}V}{\mathrm{d}z \,\mathrm{d}\Omega}(z^{\mathrm{tr}}) \int_{0}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}M \underbrace{\frac{\mathrm{d}n}{\mathrm{d}M}(M,z^{\mathrm{tr}})}_{\mathrm{d}M} \\ &\times \int_{\Delta\lambda_{i}^{\mathrm{ob}}} \mathrm{d}\lambda^{\mathrm{ob}} \int_{0}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}\lambda^{\mathrm{tr}} P(\lambda^{\mathrm{ob}} \mid \lambda^{\mathrm{tr}},z^{\mathrm{tr}}) P(\lambda^{\mathrm{tr}} \mid M,z^{\mathrm{tr}}) \int_{\Delta z_{j}^{\mathrm{ob}}} \mathrm{d}z^{\mathrm{ob}} P(z^{\mathrm{ob}} \mid z^{\mathrm{tr}},\Delta\lambda_{i}^{\mathrm{ob}}) \end{split}$$

- cosmology-dependent quantities ➡ to constrain cosmological parameters
- mass-observable relation  $\Rightarrow$  cluster mass not observable to infer through richness  $\lambda$
- selection functions ➡ observational inaccuracy (photo-z error, projection effects, …)
- + cluster detection => to ensure the best final catalog's completeness and purity

+ covariance matrix => to describe statistical errors (shot-noise, sample variance, ...) Computed/validated on simulations

### Covariance matrix

Inclusion of uncertainties of statistical quantities fundamental to constrain cosmological parameters

To compute the covariance:

• Numerical matrix from a large set of simulations

$$\hat{C}_{ij} = rac{1}{N-1} \sum\limits_{a=1}^{N} ig( \hat{d}_{\,i}^{\,a} - \langle \hat{d}_{\,i} 
angle ig) ig( \hat{d}_{\,j}^{\,a} - \langle \hat{d}_{\,j} 
angle ig)$$

- + all the contributes are included
- noisy matrix due to finite number of simulations / high computational resources
- cosmology-independent matrix
- Analytical models

$$C_{ij}=C_{ij}(\Theta), \;\; \Theta=\{\Omega_{
m m},\sigma_8,\dots\}$$

- noise free
- + cosmology-dependent
- difficult to include all the terms (non-linearities, non-Gaussianity, window functions...)

Aim : validate covariance models for number counts and clustering of galaxy clusters, to properly describe the sources of uncertainty that can affect the cluster observables at the Euclid level of accuracy

Covariance matrices require large sets of simulations (~10<sup>3</sup>):

- → not feasible with N-body simulations due to high computational costs
- → approximate methods: less accurate but faster



- dark matter halo catalogs through LPT and ellipsoidal collapse
- ~10<sup>3</sup> times faster than N-body
- 5 10% accuracy in reproducing
   2-point statistics, mass function and bias





### Simulations

#### 1000 Euclid-like lightcones:

- area ≃10300 deg² (a quarter of the sky)
- redshift range z = 0 2
- mass range M =  $10^{14}$ - $10^{16}$  M $_{\odot}$
- number of objects ~3x10⁵



- Masses rescaled to Despali+16/Castro+22 halo mass function
- Tinker+10 halo bias model
   5-10% agreement with simulations



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#### Euclid Collaboration: Fumagalli et al. 2021

Covariance matrix from Hu&Kravtsov (2003) model:

$$C_{lphaeta ij} = \langle N 
angle_{lpha i} \delta_{lphaeta} \delta_{ij} + \langle Nb 
angle_{lpha i} \langle Nb 
angle_{eta j} S_{lphaeta}$$

$$S_{lphaeta}=\int rac{\mathrm{d}^3k}{\left(2\pi
ight)^3}\sqrt{P(k;z_lpha)P(k;z_eta)}W_lpha(\mathbf{k})W_eta(\mathbf{k})$$

$$W_lpha(\mathbf{k}) = rac{4\pi}{V_lpha} \int_{\Delta z_lpha} \mathrm{d}z \; rac{\mathrm{d}V}{\mathrm{d}z} \sum_{\ell=0}^\infty \sum_{m=-\ell}^\ell (\mathrm{i})^\ell \; j_\ell[k\,r(z)] \, Y_{\ell m}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) \, K_\ell$$



### Number counts: covariance

#### Euclid Collaboration: Fumagalli et al. 2021

 non-negligible sample variance (higher than shot-noise at low mass/low redshift)

 good agreement between numerical and analytical matrix (deviations ≤10%)



#### Euclid Collaboration: Fumagalli et al. 2021

Model validation and likelihood comparison:

- No differences between numerical and analytical covariance
  - **→** ΔFoM = +0%
- Only shot-noise underestimate the error on parameters
  - ⇒ ΔFoM = -60%

**Full covariance** needed not to underestimate the error on parameters



### Number counts: likelihood

Cosmology dependence of the covariance:

- Wrong cosmology in the covariance (2σ from Planck 2018)
   ⇒ ΔFoM = ±40/80%
- Cosmo-dependent covariance
  - **⇒** ΔFoM = +0%

**Cosmology-dependent covariance** needed not to under/overestimate the posterior error



Euclid Collaboration: Fumagalli et al. 2021

### Clustering: 2-point correlation function

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#### 2-point correlation function:

excess number of pairs of a given radial separation, relative to that expected for a random distribution



$$\hat{\xi}_{ai} = rac{1}{RR} igg[ \left( rac{n_R}{n_D} 
ight)^2 DD - 2 \left( rac{n_R}{n_D} 
ight) DR + RR igg]$$



### Clustering: 2-point correlation function

#### Theoretical prediction:

Fourier transform of the (linear) power spectrum + radial and redshift binning

$$\xi_{
m h}^{\,ai}=\int rac{{
m d}k\,k^2}{2\pi^2}\left\langle \, \overline{b}^2\, P_{
m m}(k)\, 
ight
angle_a W_i(k)$$

 $r = 20 - 130 \text{ Mpc/h} \Rightarrow \text{linear scales} + \text{BAO peak}$ 



#### Covariance matrix from Meiksin & White (1999) model

(Fourier transform of power spectrum covariance)

$$\begin{split} C_{aij} = & \frac{2}{V_a} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}k \, k^2}{2\pi^2} \left[ \left\langle \bar{b}^2 P_{\mathrm{m}}(k) \right\rangle_a + \left\langle \frac{1}{\bar{n}} \right\rangle_a \right]^2 W_i(k) \, W_j(k) \\ & + \frac{2}{V_a V_i} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}k \, k^2}{2\pi^2} \left\langle \bar{b}^2 P_{\mathrm{m}}(k) \right\rangle_a \left\langle \frac{1}{\bar{n}} \right\rangle_a^2 W_j(k) \, \delta_{ij}^{\mathrm{D}} \\ & + \text{high order terms}(\propto B, T) \end{split}$$

- Gaussian term
- Low-order non-Gaussian term
  - High-order non-Gaussian terms



#### Euclid Collaboration: Fumagalli et al. 2022

- too approximate model:
   <10% difference at low redshift</li>
   ~30-60% difference at high redshift
  - inaccurate bias model
  - non-Poissonian shot noise
  - high-order terms
  - add three nuisance parameters fitted from simulations following Fumagalli et al. 2022



$$egin{aligned} C_{aij} &= rac{2}{V_a} \int rac{\mathrm{d}k\,k^2}{2\pi^2} iggl[ \Big\langle (oldsymbol{eta}\,ar{b}\,)^2 P_\mathrm{m}(k) \Big
angle_a + \Big\langle rac{1+oldsymbol{lpha}}{\overline{n}} \Big
angle_a iggr]^2 W_i(k)\,W_j(k) \ &+ rac{2}{V_a V_i} \int rac{\mathrm{d}k\,k^2}{2\pi^2} \Big\langle (oldsymbol{eta}\,ar{b}\,)^2 P_\mathrm{m}(k) \Big
angle_a \Big\langle rac{1+oldsymbol{\gamma}}{\overline{n}} \Big
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angle_a \Big\langle rac{1+oldsymbol{\gamma}}{\overline{n}} \Big
angle_a^2 W_j(k)\,\delta^\mathrm{D}_{ij}\,, \end{aligned}$$

**Table 1.** Best-fit values for the covariance model parameters introduced in Eq (27).

Redshift	α	β	γ
0.0 - 0.4	$0.111 \pm 0.008$	$0.979 \pm 0.008$	$-0.027 \pm 0.047$
0.4 - 0.8	$0.109 \pm 0.008$	$1.055 \pm 0.009$	$-0.083 \pm 0.037$
0.8 - 1.2	$0.134 \pm 0.008$	$1.181 \pm 0.013$	$-0.129 \pm 0.027$
1.2 - 1.6	$0.157 \pm 0.008$	$1.270 \pm 0.022$	$-0.199 \pm 0.024$
1.6 - 2.0	$0.188 \pm 0.008$	$1.460 \pm 0.045$	$-0.263 \pm 0.026$
Reference	0	1	0



With **few simulations (~10<sup>2</sup>)**, accurate **noise-free, cosmology-dependent** covariance matrix

Covariance comparison through likelihood analysis :

- Model: underestimates the numerical result (reference)
  - ⇒ ΔFoM = +40%
- Model+parameters: correctly reproduces numerical result
   → ΔFoM = +5%

When adding fitted parameters, **accurate description** of the covariance



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### Clustering: Gaussian covariance

#### Euclid Collaboration: Fumagalli et al. 2022



$$egin{split} & P_{aij} = \, rac{2}{V_a} \int rac{\mathrm{d}k\,k^2}{2\pi^2} \Big[ \Big\langle (eta\,ar{b}\,)^2 P_\mathrm{m}(k) \Big
angle_a + \Big\langle rac{1+lpha}{\overline{n}} \Big
angle_a \Big]^2 W_i(k)\, W_j(k) \ & + rac{2}{V_a V_i} \int rac{\mathrm{d}k\,k^2}{2\pi^2} \Big\langle (eta\,ar{b}\,)^2 P_\mathrm{m}(k) \Big
angle_a \Big\langle rac{1+\gamma}{\overline{n}} \Big
angle_a^2 W_j(k)\, \delta^\mathrm{D}_{ij}\,, \end{split}$$

Gaussian covariance: incomplete model ⇒ ΔFoM = +20%

**Gaussian** covariance **not enough** for cluster clustering covariance

### Clustering: cosmo-dependent covariance

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Cosmology dependence of the covariance:

- Wrong-cosmology covariance (2σ from Planck 2018)
   ⇒ ΔFoM = ±35%
- **Cosmo-dependent** ξ+covariance
  - ➡ ΔFoM ~ 150%

Covariance with different degeneracy on parameters w.r.t.  $\xi$  due to shot-noise  $\infty$  mass function



#### Euclid Collaboration: Fumagalli et al. 2022

$$egin{aligned} C_{aij} &= rac{2}{V_a} \int rac{\mathrm{d}k\,k^2}{2\pi^2} \left[ \left\langle (eta\,ar{b}\,)^2 P_\mathrm{m}(k) 
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angle_a^2 
ight] W_i(k) \, W_j(k) \ &+ rac{2}{V_a V_i} \int rac{\mathrm{d}k\,k^2}{2\pi^2} \left( (eta\,ar{b}\,)^2 P_\mathrm{m}(k) 
ight
angle_a \left\langle rac{1+\gamma}{\overline{n}} 
ight
angle_a^2 W_j(k) \, \delta^\mathrm{D}_{ij} \, , \end{aligned}$$



### Clustering: mass binning

Add mass binning to quantify the information in the mass-dependence of the halo bias

$$egin{aligned} C_{aijmnpq}' &= rac{2}{V_a} \int rac{\mathrm{d}k\,k^2}{2\pi^2} iggl[ \Big\langle\, ar{b}_m\,ar{b}_n\,P_\mathrm{m}(k)\Big
angle_a + \Big\langlerac{\delta^\mathrm{D}_{mn}}{\overline{n}_m}\Big
angle_a iggr] \ & imes iggl[ \Big\langle\,ar{b}_p\,ar{b}_q\,P_\mathrm{m}(k)\Big
angle_a + \Big\langlerac{\delta^\mathrm{D}_{pq}}{\overline{n}_p}\,\Big
angle_a iggr] W_i\,W_j \ &+ rac{2}{V_a} \int rac{\mathrm{d}k\,k^2}{2\pi^2} \Big\langle\,ar{b}_m\,ar{b}_p\,P_\mathrm{m}(k)\Big
angle_a \Big\langlerac{\delta^\mathrm{D}_{mn}}{\overline{n}_m}\,\Big
angle_a \Big\langlerac{\delta^\mathrm{D}_{pq}}{\overline{n}_p}\,\Big
angle_a \ &rac{W_j}{W_i}\delta^\mathrm{D}_{ij}\,. \end{aligned}$$



#### Likelihood forecasts

 $C_{aijmnpq} = rac{C_{aijmpnq}' + C_{aijmqnp}'}{2}$ 

Table 3. Figure of merit for the different mass binning cases. In the third column, percent difference with respect to the "Mass threshold" case in the upper part, and "2 mass bins" numerical case in the lower one.

		ΔFoM / FoM <sub>num</sub>	
Case	FoM		
Mass threshold	$29759 \pm 554$	-	
2 mass bins	$36555 \pm 349$	+ 23 %	
3 mass bins	$35243 \pm 308$	+ 18 %	
4 mass bins	$37160 \pm 497$	+ 25 %	
Model	$48500 \pm 738$	+ 33 %	
Model + fit	$37980 \pm 543$	+ 4 %	
Cosmo-dependent	$121921 \pm 615$	+ 230 %	
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### **Observable space**

#### Richness-mass relation:

$$P(\lambda|M,z) = rac{1}{\lambda \sqrt{2 \pi \sigma_{\ln \lambda}^2}} \mathrm{exp} \left[ -rac{\left(\ln \lambda - \langle \ln \lambda(M,z) 
angle 
ight)^2}{2 \sigma_{\ln \lambda}^2} 
ight]$$

with

$$egin{aligned} &\langle \ln\lambda(M,z)
angle &= \ln(A_\lambda) + B_\lambda \lnigg(rac{M}{3 imes 10^{14}\,h^{-1}\,M_\odot}igg) + C_\lambda \lnigg(rac{1+z}{1+0.45}igg) \ &\sigma_{\ln\lambda}(M,z) = D_\lambda\,, \end{aligned}$$

+ selection functions  $P(\lambda^{ob}|\lambda,z)$  and  $P(z^{ob}|z)$  to add observational inaccuracy

Covariance model validation for richness-selected clusters → confirm the results in mass-space

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### Joint analysis

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#### Negligible cross-correlation:

- number counts and clustering independent observables
- Pearson correlation coefficient:  $\rho = -0.015 \pm 0.032$
- Result in agreement with Mana et al. 2013 results

Independent likelihood functions:







n = 1, ..., Nmocks

### Joint analysis

Likelihood forecasts for Euclid-like survey: constraints on cosmological and mass-observable relation (MoR) parameters  $A_{\lambda}, B_{\lambda}, C_{\lambda}, D_{\lambda}$  with Gaussian priors with 0,1,3,5% amplitude **Combined analysis:** cosmological constraints improved by 20 - 90 %, depending on MoR uncertainty

MoR prior	Probe	FoM	$\Delta$ FoM / FoM <sub>NC</sub>	
0%	NC	$1971760 \pm 24660$	-	
	CL	81018 ± 231	-95 %	
	NC + CL	$2409898 \pm 62519$	+ 22 %	
1%	NC	$186780 \pm 4254$	_	
	CL	$50875 \pm 954$	-72 %	
	NC + CL	$225765 \pm 3593$	+ 20 %	
3%	NC	$39301 \pm 708$		
	CL	$22826 \pm 839$	-41 %	
	NC + CL	$64562 \pm 1208$	+ 64 %	
5%	NC	$20572 \pm 315$	-	
	CL	$14766 \pm 253$	-28 %	
	NC + CL	$39052 \pm 720$	+90 %	

### Application to SDSS data

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#### **Dataset:**

redMaPPer cluster catalog from Sloan Digital Sky Survey data release 8 (SDSS DR8)

#### Catalog:

Sky area:  $\Omega \sim 10\ 000\ deg^2$ Redshift: z = 0.1 - 0.3Richness:  $\lambda \ge 20$ #cluster:  $N \sim 7 \times 10^4$ 

#### Analysis:

repeat the analysis by Costanzi et al. 2018 (number counts + weak lensing masses) with addition of cluster clustering



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#### **Results:**

- CL helps to constrain  $\Omega$
- NC+CL don't constrain MoR ⇒ σ<sub>8</sub>
- MwL +CL better than NC+MwL
- high improvement from NC+CL+MwL
- different systematics on CL and NC

### Conclusions

#### Number counts:

- accurate analytical covariance model
- Gaussian likelihood with cosmology-dependent full covariance

#### **Clustering:**

- accurate semi-analytical covariance model
- 2PCF covariance contains cosmological information ( $\propto 1/n$ ) that is not present in the mean value
- useful information also when considering mass binning

#### Joint:

- improved cosmological constraints (~ 20-90% improvement)
- ~160% improvement from combined analysis( $\Omega \square = 0.27 \pm 0.03$ ,  $\sigma_8 = 0.81 \pm 0.05$ )
- different systematics between cluster counts and clustering
   ⇒ can help to improve mass calibration?

## Backupsides

#### **Observable space**

 $z_{\rm obs} = z_{\rm c} + \frac{v_{\parallel}}{c}(1+z_{\rm c}) \pm \sigma_z$  $P(k, \mu) = P_{\text{DM}}(k)(b + f\mu^2)^2 \exp(-k^2\mu^2\sigma^2)$  $\xi(s) = b^2 \xi'(s) + b \xi''(s) + \xi'''(s)$  $P'(k) = P_{\rm DM}(k) \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2k\sigma} \operatorname{erf}(k\sigma)$  $P''(k) = \frac{f}{(k\sigma)^3} P_{\rm DM}(k) \left[ \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \operatorname{erf}(k\sigma) - k\sigma \exp(-k^2 \sigma^2) \right]$  $P^{\prime\prime\prime}(k) = \frac{f^2}{(k\sigma)^5} P_{\rm DM}(k) \left\{ \frac{3\sqrt{\pi}}{8} \operatorname{erf}(k\sigma) - \frac{k\sigma}{4} \left[ 2(k\sigma)^2 + 3 \right] \exp(-k^2\sigma^2) \right\}$  $\sigma = \frac{c\sigma_z}{H(z)}$ from Sereno et a. 2015

#### **Cluster clustering**



### Clustering: cosmology-dependence



Cosmology-dependent covariance statistically preferred ( $\Delta DIC > = -11.5 \pm 1.6$ )

### **Application to SDSS data**



### Application to SDSS data



### Covariance fit

Set of M simulations, producing measurements **m**i with dimension N Model covariance  $C(\theta)$ , with  $\theta$ =model parameters

Gaussian likelihood

$$egin{split} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{d}| heta) &= \prod_{i=1\ldots M} |C( heta)|^{-1/2} \ \exp\left( \, - rac{1}{2} \, \mathbf{d}_i^T C^{-1}( heta) \, \mathbf{d}_i \, 
ight) \ \mathbf{d}_i &= \mathbf{m}_i - \langle \mathbf{m} 
angle \end{split}$$

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$$lacksquare$$
  $\log \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{d}| heta) = -rac{M}{2} \left( \log |C( heta)| + \mathrm{Tr}(C^{-1}( heta)C_n) 
ight) \ C_n = rac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1\ldots M} \mathbf{d}_i \mathbf{d}_i^T$ 

MCMC process to maximise log  $\!\!\!\mathcal{L}$  and fit  $\theta$ 

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**Bayesian method** for fitting the covariance model parameters by examining the  $\chi^2$  distributions from simulations: A good covariance produces  $\chi_i^2$  values distributed following a  $\chi^2$  distribution



### Weak-lensing mass calibration

**Weak-lensing signal**: tangential alignment of background galaxies around the foreground cluster due to gravitational lensing

 $\Rightarrow$  probe the projected mass distribution of clusters



**Observed WL mass**: 
$$\log_{10} \hat{M}_{WL}(\Omega_m) = \log_{10} \hat{M}_{WL} \Big|_{\Omega_m = 0.3} + \frac{d \log_{10} M_{WL}}{d\Omega_m} (\Omega_m - 0.3)$$

$$M_{ai}^{\rm WL} = \frac{1}{N_{ai}} \Omega_{\rm sky} \int_0^\infty dz \, \frac{dV}{dz \, d\Omega}(z) \langle M_i n_i \rangle(z) \int_{\Delta z_a^{\rm ob}} dz^{\rm ob} P(z^{\rm ob} | z, \Delta \lambda_i^{\rm ob})$$

Expected WL mass:

$$\langle M_i n_i \rangle(z) = \int_0^\infty \mathrm{d}M \, M \, \frac{\mathrm{d}n}{\mathrm{d}M}(M,z) \int_{\Delta \lambda_i^{\mathrm{ob}}} \mathrm{d}\lambda^{\mathrm{ob}} \int_0^\infty \mathrm{d}\lambda \, P(\lambda^{\mathrm{ob}} | \lambda, z) \, P(\lambda | M, z)$$

### Methods

- Validate analytical models, by comparison with numerical matrix: evaluate which terms are important or negligible, add nuisance parameters to improve accuracy, ...
- Test covariance models in cosmological analysis, by constraining Ωm and σ<sub>8</sub> through Bayesian inference: comparison of different likelihood and covariance configurations

$$p(\theta|d) \propto \mathcal{L}(d|\theta) p(\theta) \stackrel{\theta = \text{parameters in the model}}{\downarrow}$$

$$p(\theta|d) = \text{posterior distribution}$$

$$g(d|\theta) = \text{likelihood function}$$

$$p(\theta) = \text{prior distribution}$$

$$g(d|\theta) = \frac{\exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}[\mathbf{d}-\mathbf{m}(\theta)]^T C^{-1}[\mathbf{d}-\mathbf{m}(\theta)]\right\}}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^N |C|}}$$

d = data